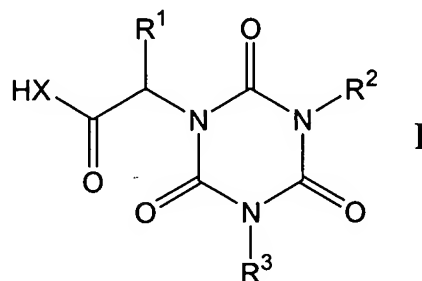


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1-10. (Cancelled)

11. (Currently amended) A compound having a structure corresponding to that shown in Formula I, below, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof:



wherein:

X is O or NH;

R¹ is selected from the group consisting of a hydrido, C₁-C₁₀ alkyl, C₁-C₁₀ substituted alkyl, C₇-C₁₆ phenylalkyl, C₇-C₁₆ substituted phenylalkyl, phenyl, substituted phenyl, C₃-C₇ cycloalkyl, and a C₃-C₇ substituted cycloalkyl group;

R² is selected from the group consisting of a methyl, ethyl, isopropyl, n-propyl, butyl, t-butyl, cyclohexyl, n-octadecyl, phenyl, benzyl, 2-fluorophenyl, 3-fluorophenyl, 4-fluorophenyl, 2-chlorophenyl, 3-chlorophenyl, 4-chlorophenyl, 2-bromophenyl, 3-bromophenyl, 4-bromophenyl, 3-chloro-4-methylphenyl, 3-bromo-4-methylphenyl, ~~3-fluorosulfonylphenyl~~, 3-fluorosulfonylphenyl, 3,4-(methylenedioxy)phenyl, 4-phenoxyphenyl, trans-2-phenylcyclopropyl, 4-toluenesulfonyl, 2-tolyl, 3-tolyl, 4-tolyl, 2-methoxyphenyl, 3-methoxyphenyl,

4-methoxyphenyl, α,α,α -trifluoro-2-tolyl, α,α,α -trifluoro-3-tolyl, α,α,α -trifluoro-4-tolyl, 2,5-dimethylphenyl, 3,4-dimethylphenyl and a 3,5-dimethylphenyl substituent; and

R^3 is selected from the group consisting of a hydrido, C_1 - C_6 alkyl, C_2 - C_6 alkenyl, benzyl, and a substituted benzyl substituent.

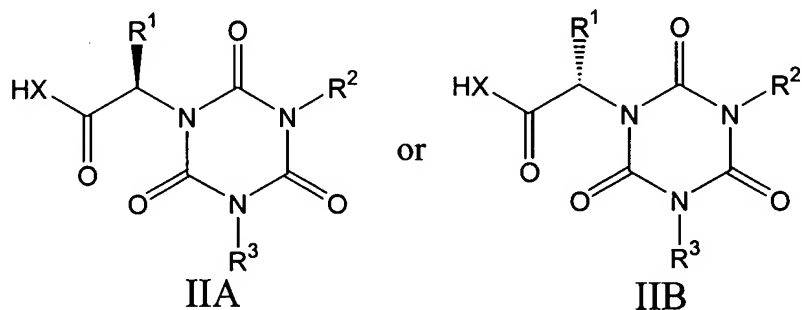
12. (Original) The compound according to claim 11 wherein R^1 is selected from the group consisting of a hydrido, methyl, benzyl, 2-butyl, N,N-dimethylaminobutyl, N-methylaminobutyl, N-methyl-N-benzylaminobutyl, 2-methylpropyl, ~~methylsulfinyl-ethyl~~, methylsulfinylethyl, methylthioethyl, N,N-dimethylaminoethyl, N,N-dimethylaminopropyl, ~~N',N',N' -trimethylguanidino-propyl~~, N',N',N' -trimethylguanidinopropyl, ~~N',N',N' -tribenzyl-guanidinopropyl~~, N',N',N' -tribenzylguanidinopropyl, N',N' -dibenzylguanidinopropyl, N' -methylguanidinopropyl, hydroxymethyl, 1-hydroxyethyl, 2-propyl, N-methyl-3-indolylmethyl, 4-methoxybenzyl, 4-hydroxybenzyl, propyl, butyl, cyclohexylmethyl, phenyl, ~~2-naphthyl-methyl~~, 2-naphthylmethyl, and a 4-imidazolylmethyl substituent.

13, 14. (Cancelled).

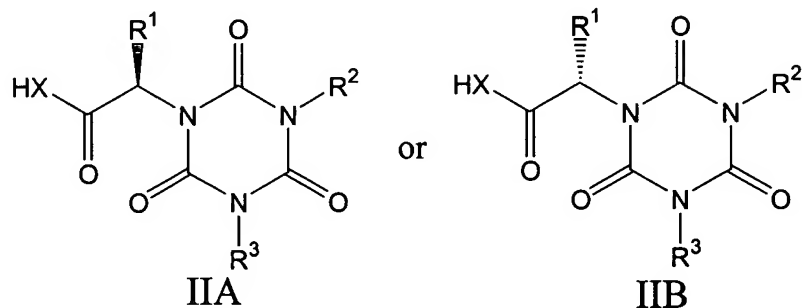
15. (Original) The compound according to claim 11 wherein the R^1 substituent is a side chain of an amino acid selected from the group consisting of Ala, Phe, Gly, Asp, Asn, Glu, Gln, His, Ile, Lys, Leu, Met, Arg, Nva, Ser, Thr, Val, Trp, Tyr, Nle, Cha, Chg, Fph, Cph, Nph, Aib, Abu, ala, phe, asp, asn,

glu, gln, his, ile, lys, leu, met, arg, ser, thr, val, trp, tyr, nle, nva, cha, chg, fph, cph, aib, and abu wherein amino acids written with an initial capital letter are L-amino acids and those written in all lower case letters are D-amino acids.

16. (Original) The compound according to claim 11 wherein said compounds have a structure corresponding to that shown in Formulas IIA or IIB below, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof:



17. (Presently amended) A compound having a structure corresponding to that shown in Formulas IIA or IIB, below, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof:



wherein:

X is O or NH;

R¹ is selected from the group consisting of a hydrido, methyl, benzyl, 2-butyl, N,N-dimethylaminobutyl, N-methylaminobutyl, N-methyl-N-benzylaminobutyl, 2-methylpropyl, ~~methylsulfinyl-ethyl~~, methylsulfinylethyl, methylthioethyl, N,N-dimethylaminoethyl, N,N-dimethylaminopropyl, ~~N',N',N'-trimethylguanidino-propyl~~, N',N',N'-trimethylguanidinopropyl, ~~N',N',N'-tribenzyl-guanidinopropyl~~, N',N',N'-tribenzylguanidinopropyl, N',N'-dibenzylguanidinopropyl, N'-methylguanidinopropyl, hydroxymethyl, 1-hydroxyethyl, 2-propyl, N-methyl-3-indolylmethyl, 4-methoxybenzyl, 4-hydroxybenzyl, propyl, butyl, cyclohexylmethyl, phenyl, ~~2-naphthyl-methyl~~, 2-naphthylmethyl, and a 4-imidazolylmethyl substituent;

R² is selected from the group consisting of a methyl, ethyl, isopropyl, n-propyl, butyl, t-butyl, cyclohexyl, n-octadecyl, phenyl, benzyl, 2-fluorophenyl, 3-fluorophenyl, 4-fluorophenyl, 2-chlorophenyl, 3-chlorophenyl, 4-chlorophenyl, 2-bromophenyl, 3-bromophenyl, 4-bromophenyl, 3-chloro-4-methylphenyl, 3-bromo-4-methylphenyl, ~~3-fluoresulfonyl-phenyl~~, 3-fluorosulfonylphenyl, 3,4-(methylenedioxy)phenyl, 4-phenoxyphenyl, trans-2-phenylcyclopropyl, 4-toluenesulfonyl, 2-tolyl, 3-tolyl, 4-tolyl, 2-methoxyphenyl, 3-methoxyphenyl, 4-methoxyphenyl, α,α,α -trifluoro-2-tolyl, α,α,α -trifluoro-3-tolyl, α,α,α -trifluoro-4-tolyl, 2,5-dimethylphenyl, 3,4-dimethylphenyl and a 3,5-dimethylphenyl substituent; and

R³ is selected from the group consisting of a hydrido, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₂-C₆ alkenyl, benzyl, and a substituted benzyl substituent.

18. (Original) The compound according to claim 17 wherein the R¹ substituent is a side chain of an amino acid selected from the group consisting of Ala, Phe, Gly, Asp, Asn, Glu, Gln, His, Ile, Lys, Leu, Met, Arg, Nva, Ser, Thr, Val, Trp, Tyr, Nle, Cha, Chg, Fph, Cph, Nph, Aib, Abu, ala, phe, asp, asn, glu, gln, his, ile, lys, leu, met, arg, ser, thr, val, trp, tyr, nle, nva, cha, chg, fph, cph, aib, and abu wherein amino acids written with an initial capital letter are L-amino acids and those written in all lower case letters are D-amino acids.

19. (Original) The compound according to claim 17 wherein the R² substituent is selected from the group consisting of a phenyl, 4-halophenyl, 4-(C₁-C₆-alkyl)phenyl and a C₁-C₆ alkyl group.

20. (Original) The compound according to claim 17 wherein the R³ substituent is selected from the group consisting of a hydrido, methyl, benzyl, 2-, 3- and 4-methylbenzyl, 2-, 3- and 4-fluorobenzyl, 2-, 3- and 4-chlorobenzyl, 2,4-, 3,4-, 3,5- and 2,6-difluorobenzyl, 4-(trifluoromethyl)benzyl, 4-(trifluoromethoxy)benzyl, 2-, 3-, and 4-methoxybenzyl, 3,5- and 3,4-dimethoxybenzyl, 2-, 3- and 4-nitrobenzyl, 2-, 3- and a 4-phenylbenzyl substituent.

21-27. (Cancelled).